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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Kanji Patel

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 July 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Amendment

1. This communication is in response to amendment filed on December 05, 2003 (Paper No. 7/a).

Claims 1, 5, 7-10, 12, 16 and 17 are amended. Claims 1-17 are pending in this application.

2. In response to applicant's amendment to claim 10, the claim objection has been withdrawn.

3. In response to applicant's amendment to claims 10, 16 and 17, the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, has been withdrawn.

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 12/5/03 with respect to independent claims 1,8-10, 16 and 17 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The examiner has thoroughly reviewed applicant's arguments but firmly believes the cited references to reasonably and properly meet the claimed limitations.

With respect to applicant's arguments at the forth paragraph of page 8 of the remarks that the **map editor** and the **camera information dialogue box** of Yonezawa are not displayed together. See, for example, Figs. 11 and 28 of Yonezawa.

In response, the examiner suggests that the map editor and the camera information dialog box (figs. 11 and 28) shown in Yonezawa are exactly same as that of the map editor and the camera information dialog box (figures 11 and 28) of the applicant's disclosed drawings.

Furthermore, applicant argues that Yonezawa is silent about the received image data and the associated camera information is displayed in accordance with the **user's request** as specifically recited in independent claims 1, 8-10, 16 and 17.

The examiner disagrees. Yonezawa clearly teaches at least in column 4 line 61 to column 4 line 32 that the monitoring terminal 60 or image receive terminal 60 receives the image data transmitted by the transmitting terminal 20 with the associated camera information which are displayed on a bit map display 135 in accordance with the user's request as clearly suggested by Yonezawa at least at column 5, lines 28-31. The camera control codes for controlling camera 10 are inputted by an **operator** with a keyboard 130 or a mouse 128. Also a GUI (graphical **user** interface is provides according to user's request or user's instruction) is used as shown in figure 6 for a map management software 413 which graphically displays the position, panning, and zooming of a camera by utilizing the map, camera symbol and the scope display in accordance with a map file stored in the storage 126 (see column 5, lines 40-55).

Thus Yonezawa meets the claimed limitations.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yonezawa (US 6,542,191 B1).

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

For claim 1, Yonezawa discloses an image processing apparatus (figure 1), comprising:

- a generating device that generates a map having a symbol indicating an installed position of a camera (figure 1, element 10; column 3, lines 50-57);

- a receiving device (60 in figure 1 is a receiving means; column 4, lines 61-64) that receives the image data corresponding to an image picked up by the camera associated (column 4 line 64 to column 5 line 18; column 5, line 61 to column 6 line 4), when the information regarding the camera including the position of camera is associated with the map (at least figures 11, 23-24 provide camera information including camera position associated with the map or the dynamic image); and

- an output device that outputs the received image data onto a display (in figure 1, element 135 is a bitmap display for displaying the received image data) together with the associated information (column 5 line 61-to column 6 line 4), in accordance with a

user's request (column 5, lines 24-31; instructions inputted by an operator for controlling the video camera corresponds to user's request).

For claim 2, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus wherein said information regarding the camera includes the information of the direction of camera (column 9, lines 21-30).

For claim 3, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus wherein the position of the symbol corresponding to the camera on the map is determined in accordance with said information regarding the camera (column 12, lines 23-40; icon reads on symbol).

For claim 4, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus wherein the direction of the symbol corresponding to the camera on the map is determined in accordance with the information regarding the camera (column 12, lines 23-40).

For claim 5, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus further comprising a control device that controls a camera corresponding to the symbol in response to an operation on the symbol (element 12 in figure 1 provides control means).

For claim 6, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus wherein the data input for association is performed by a manual instruction of the operator (column 5, lines 29-32).

For claim 7, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus further comprising a display device that displays the image data, the data input being

performed on the display device (elements 35 in figure 1 provides display means; see also element 135 in the same figure).

For claims 8-9, see the rejection of claim 1 above.

For claims 10, 16 and 17, Yonezawa discloses an image processing apparatus (figure 1), comprising:

An input device that inputs an identification name of a camera connected to a network and connection information (column 5 line 61 to column 6 line 17; column 9, lines 21-40);

a receiving device (elements 20 and 60 in figure 1 can provide receiving means) that receives tentatively image data from the camera in accordance with the connection information (column 5 line 61 to column 6 line 17; column 9, line 60 to column 10 line 23); and

an output device (at least element 135 in figure1) that outputs the received image data together with the identification name of the camera and the connection information onto a display (column 10, lines 19-56) in accordance with a user's request (column 5, lines 24-31; instructions inputted by an operator for controlling the video camera corresponds to user's request).

For claim 11, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus wherein the connection information of the camera includes an Internet protocol address of the camera (at least figure 28 provides a camera connection information; column 16, line 51-57).

For claim 12, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus wherein said receiving device (column 4 line 61 to column 5 line 18) performs the tentative reception automatically after the input device accepts the input (column 1, lines 55-60).

For claim 13, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus wherein the output to the display is not, ended without confirming instruction of an operator 9column 13, lines 27-37; column 14, lines 42-46).

For claim 14, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus wherein at least one instruction of the pan, tile and zoom conditions is automatically output to a camera in accordance with the connection information, in performing the automatic reception, to receive an image of the camera in stated conditions 9column 4, lines 46-55).

For claim 15, Yonezawa discloses the image processing apparatus wherein at least one of-the pan, tile and zoom of the camera is changeable in accordance with an instruction on the display, in performing the tentative reception of the image data, the image data received tentatively being variable (column 4, lines 41-55).

6. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** See MPEP § 609(B)(2)(i).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Contact Information

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Kanji Patel** whose telephone number is (703) 305-4011. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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